

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
receiving on a first client a message from a server addressed to said client; and  
controlling [[the storage of information on]] management of data storage by said  
client based on information included in said message.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
defining a messaging service type and message identification to dynamically  
control storage for groups of clients or individual clients;  
assigning an individual identifier to the clients comprising a set of clients  
including said first client;  
assigning a group identifier to a subset of the clients within the set of clients; and  
enabling the first client in said set to determine whether a message is sent to the  
first client or to the subset.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2 further including sending a single message to a  
subset of said clients.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2 including sending television content to a  
plurality of clients.
5. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein assigning an individual identifier  
includes assigning a code portion that identifies a particular client as belonging to a subset of  
clients within the set of clients.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5 including comparing a group identifier, received  
by a client with a message, to the client's individual identifier to determine whether the particular  
client is within the addressed subset.

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A/ 7. (Original) The method of claim 2 including addressing the same message to a subset of clients.

8. (Original) The method of claim 2 including sending a message to a client in a unidirectional messaging system.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 including receiving a message including an identifier which specifies a task to perform on a storage device.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 including receiving a message including an identifier indicating a change to a partition on said storage device.

11. (Currently Amended) An article comprising a medium storing instructions that enable a processor-based system to:  
receive on a first client a message from a server addressed to said client; and  
control [[the storage of information on]] management of data storage by said client based on information included in said message.

12. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 11 further comprising a medium storing instructions that enable a processor-based system to:

define a messaging service type and message identification to dynamically control storage for groups of clients or individual clients;

assign an individual identifier to a client comprising a set of clients;  
assign a group identifier to a subset of the client within the set of clients; and  
enable a first client in said set to determine whether a message is sent to the first client or to the subset.

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13. (Original) The article of claim 12 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to send a single message to a subset of said clients.

14. (Original) The article of claim 12 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to send television content to a plurality of clients.

15. (Original) The article of claim 12 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to assign a code portion that identifies a particular client as belonging to a subset of clients within the set of clients.

16. (Original) The article of claim 15 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to compare a group identifier, received by a client with a message, to the client's individual identifier to determine whether the client is within the address subset.

17. (Original) The article of claim 12 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to address the same message to a subset of clients.

18. (Original) The article of claim 12 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to send a message to a client in a unidirectional messaging system.

19. (Original) The article of claim 11 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to decode a command within said message to modify the storage of information on a storage device.

20. (Original) The article of claim 19 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to modify a partition on said storage device in response to a command included within said message.

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21. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:  
a processor-based device; and  
a storage storing instructions that enable said processor-based device to receive a message from a server addressed to said processor-based device and control [[the storage of information on]] management of data storage by said client based on information included in said message.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the device to compare a group identifier in a message to determine whether the device is within a group addressed by said server.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22 including a comparator that compares a group identifier, received by the device with a message, to the device's individual identifier to determine whether the particular device is within the addressed subset.

24. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
defining a messaging service type and message identification to dynamically control storage for groups of clients or individual clients;  
transmitting a message to a client; and  
controlling the storage of information on said client based on information included in said message.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24 including transmitting a message including an identifier which specifies a task to perform on a storage device.

26. (Original) The method of claim 24 including transmitting a message to an agent on said client to cause the client to alter the way information is stored on said client.

A/ 27. (Currently Amended) An article comprising a medium storing instructions that enable a processor-based system to:

define a messaging service type and message identification to dynamically control storage for groups of clients or individual clients;

transmit a message to a client; and

control the storage of information on said client based on information included in said message.

28. (Original) The article of claim 27 further storing instructions that enable a processor-based system to transmit a message including an identifier which specifies a task to perform on a storage device.

29. (Original) The article of claim 27 further storing instructions that enable a processor-based system to transmit a message to an agent on said client to cause the client to alter the way information is stored on said client.

30. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a processor-based device; and

a storage storing instructions that enable said processor-based device to define a messaging service type and message identification to dynamically control storage for groups of clients or individual clients, transmit a message to a client and control the storage of information on said client based on the information included in said message.

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